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In re Patent Application of

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For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
Applicants amend the application as follows:

IN THE INVENTORSHIP

Delete the inventors: Jun Etoh, Yoshiki Kawajiri, Eiji
Kume and Hitoshi Tanaka.

REMARKS

Inventorship

Applicants have deleted the above-identified four
inventors. The inventors were originally named in the
continuation application filed May 25, 2001. However, after

entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed May 25, 2001, which resulted in adding new claims 53-74 and canceling claims 1-52, only claims 53-74 remain pending.

This application claims priority to four Japan patent applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119. However, claims 53-74 are fully supported by only one of the priority applications, JP 01-29803. Japan application no. JP 01-29803 names only Kiyoo Itoh and Yoshinobu Nakagome as the inventors. Accordingly, the other four inventors are required to be deleted.

The procedure for correcting inventorship is discussed in the M.P.E.P., see, M.P.E.P. 1400, "Reissue as a Vehicle for Correcting Inventorship", (MPEP 8, August 2001), copies enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. In accordance with this procedure, Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application identifying the error in inventorship and setting forth the correct inventors. Upon approval from the Examiner, the Supplemental Declaration will be signed by the inventors: Kiyoo Itoh and Yoshinobu Nakagome.

Status of Claims and Information Disclosure Statements

Claims 53-74 which are pending in the present application were indicated as being allowed in the parent reissue application. Then, in the parent reissue application, allowed claims 72-93 were canceled by a Rule 312(a) Amendment. These claims were added to the present continuation application by the Preliminary Amendment filed May 25, 2001.

The following Information disclosure Statements are of record:

1) An Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith that presents references that were not considered in the parent reissue application. These references are cited in a corresponding Japanese patent application. Specifically, the references have been cited in Japanese Application No. 2001-151817, which is a divisional application of Japanese Application No. 01-29803, from which priority is claimed in the present reissue application.

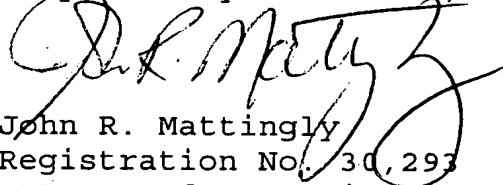
2) An Information Disclosure Statement filed July 12, 2001 that lists references that were not considered in the parent reissue application and which were cited in corresponding Japanese Application No. 10-369011. These cited references are JP58-211391; JP59-153,331 and JP63-229848.

3) An Information Disclosure Statement filed May 25, 2001 that lists the references of record from the parent reissue application.

Applicants request consideration of the references set forth in the foregoing Information Disclosure Statements as a part of the examination of pending claims 53-74.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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